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STORER-MUSSEY HOUSE
(John Mussey House) (now Children's Hospital)
Portland, Maine

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Historic American Buildings Survey
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JOHN MUSSEY HOUSE
(now Children's Hospital)
Portland, Cumberland County, Maine

Owner: (Formerly John Mussey House).

Date of Erection: circa 1800

Architect:

Builder:

Present Condition: (see next page)

Number of Stories: Three

Materials of Construction: Brick; granite foundation;
plastered walls; panelled
wainscot.

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"CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL"

(Mussey House)
Portland, Cumberland County, Maine

Date of Erection

About 1800

Present Condition

A two story extension has been added at the rear of the original house. Partitions have been changed. The roofs of the house and portico originally were decorated with an attractive balustrade. There were also blinds on all windows. An iron fence, set in granite, formerly surrounded the front of the lot.

Description

A three story rectangular building of brick (painted buff color), with granite foundation. A low hip roof with four chimneys near the ends of the building. Central front entrance with columned portico. Front entrance has fan light and side lights. There is an excellent Palladian window on the second floor. There are decorated wooden window heads over the windows of the first and second floors and there is a well designed eaves cornice.

The interior of the house is plastered and panelled wainscot is used throughout. The stairway is especially fine with a beautiful carved stair skirting. Some of the rooms show a great deal of detail in cornice and door trim. Windows are recessed and have inside folding panelled shutters. Most of the fireplaces have been closed but there are some fine mantels in the house.

Additional Data

The house was transformed into a hospital for children in 1908.

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